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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JULY 20, 2009

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 20, 2009, applicants elect Group I for examination, which encompasses claims 1 to 12 and 18 to 23. Applicants also elect SEQ ID NO:3. These elections are made **with traverse**. Claims 1 to 12 and 18 to 23 read on the elections made above.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Shen for speaking with him on July 23, 2009, regarding the election of a single SEQ ID NO. According to the Examiner, claim 12 specifically claims multiple nucleotide sequences. However, SEQ ID NOS:1-7 are related to one another and should not be subject to restriction. The sequences of SEQ ID NOS:2-7 can all be found within the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, *i.e.*, SEQ ID NOS:2-7 are all portions of SEQ ID NO:1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the restriction requirement with respect to the sequences be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants explicitly reserve the right to rejoinder of non-elected claims. Upon a finding that the claims under examination are allowable, applicants request rejoinder of claims 13 to 17 and 24 to 36.

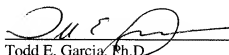
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